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# Greening State Government Newsletter

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## Greening Government Program Replaces Inefficient Refrigerators



Howard Paul, a Colorado State Parks employee, submitted a request for this refrigerator to be replaced. Howard estimated that this pale yellow Crosely Model 1112 refrigerator, located in the maintenance shop at Bonny Lake State Park, was manufactured around 1965, but could easily be older. Howard states, "This refrigerator is so old that it has a rounded top and a similar model might have been used

as a prop in the Jackie Gleason's sixties sitcom *The Honeymooners*."

The Governor's Energy Office will replace approximately 40 refrigerators which individually consume electricity in the range of 1,100 to 2,700 kilowatt hours per year (kWh) with a new appliance that uses less than 450 kWh per year, a reduction of 75% on average than the replaced appliances. The old appliances will be decommissioned, meaning the refrigerants will be removed and the parts recycled.

Refrigerators will be replaced in the following state agencies and colleges:

- Health Care Policy and Financing
- Labor and Employment
- Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife
- Natural Resources, State Parks
- Law (Attorney General's Office)
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Public Safety
- University of Colorado, Health Sciences
- Agriculture
- Corrections

Due to the high level of interest in the program (180 applications received), we hope to offer the program again in

the future.

To learn how much energy your refrigerator uses and how much electricity (and money!) you can save by replacing your old appliance, visit the [ENERGY STAR website](#).

## City of Greeley Recognizes University of Northern Colorado for Environmental Efforts

The University of Northern Colorado (UNC) has been named one of four recipients of the City of Greeley's first Environmental Stewardship Awards. The awards recognize individuals and businesses for outstanding efforts and strategies for protecting the environment. Other winners were RR Donnelley, Island Grove Village Apartments, and State Farm Insurance and Financial Services. The recipients were recognized at the Northern Colorado Green Summit in Fort Collins on April 24, 2008. Among the accomplishments leading to UNC's selection:

- Since 2001, UNC has increased its recycling of paper, cardboard and other items from 103,000 pounds annually to more than 521,000 pounds.
- The campus cut its natural gas and electricity consumption by more than 15 percent since 2002 through the use of energy efficient equipment and conservation practices.
- More than 2,000 faucets and shower heads on campus have been replaced with low-flow fixtures, saving nearly \$70,000 annually.

For more information, contact UNC's Resource Conservation Manager, Dave Nalley. [Dave.Nalley@unco.edu](mailto:Dave.Nalley@unco.edu).

## Transportation Fair a Success

In April, employees of the Colorado Departments of Public Safety, Agriculture, and Personnel and Administration learned how to reduce the stress and environmental impact of their commutes and business travel at a Transportation Fair held at their offices in Lakewood.



The Fair was organized by Heidi Phillips at the Colorado Department of Agriculture and Jane Crisman and Stacey

Alles from the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

The event included participation from:

- Colorado State Fleet Management
- Stevinson Chevrolet
- SmartWheels Colorado
- Regional Transportation District (RTD)
- The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Ride Arrangers Program
- Regional Air Quality Council
- Governor's Energy Office
- Colorado Lung Association

Employees enjoyed test driving State Fleet's hybrid vehicles, including the Camry and Prius models, a flex-fuel Impala and two electric vehicles provided by SmartWheels Colorado, an approved state vendor for electric vehicles.

Although "test drives" were not allowed, employees had an opportunity to see a Colorado State Patrol flex-fuel Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor vehicle.

RTD provided information regarding service to the Kipling location, which was especially valuable to the Department of Agriculture employees, who are first-time Eco Pass users in 2008.

Donna Dailey of DRCOG said many employees were interested in car and van pool services offered through the DRCOG Ride Arrangers program.

Heidi, Jane, and Stacey planned a zero-waste event, using compostable plates, utensils, and cups from Eco-Cycle.

If your organization is interested in hosting a Transportation Fair for your employees, contact Angie Fyfe in the Governor's Energy Office [angie.fyfe@state.co.us](mailto:angie.fyfe@state.co.us) or Donna Dailey at DRCOG [ddailey@drcog.org](mailto:ddailey@drcog.org).

## Bike to Work Challenge!

Bike to Work Day is Wednesday, June 25th. The Governor's Energy Office challenges other organizations to form a team and compete with us as we work toward 100% participation

from our staff.

Last year was another record breaking year with over 20,000 participants. Find out what all the excitement is about and help make it another banner year! Bike to Work Day is coordinated by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). If you would like to register your team, [visit the DRCOG website to learn more.](#)



### Green Tip of the Month: Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled, Use Less Petroleum

Conservation is *the* fundamental component of the Greening Government plan to reduce petroleum consumption by 25 percent by 2012. By state fiscal year 2011-12, the state needs to reduce consumption in "baseline" vehicles by at least 625,000 gallons per year.

If each baseline vehicle was driven a mere ten fewer miles per week, we would eliminate almost two million vehicle miles traveled per year, and save 115,000 gallons of fuel annually.

The following suggestions will help reduce vehicle miles traveled:

- Think twice - drive once or not at all.
- Use a teleconference, webinar, or video conference in place of in-person meetings. A list of state government video conferencing facilities is available on the [State Fleet Management website.](#)
- When traveling to meetings, carpool with others from your office. A carpool option is available when renting a car from the State's downtown motor pool.
- Plan your trips ahead of time. Combine trips when possible and use the most efficient route.
- Do not intentionally "run up" the mileage on a state vehicle in order to meet the minimum number of vehicle miles as per the utilization criteria. The utilization code criteria will be considered for retention of the vehicle, but can be adjusted by Fleet Management with the proper justification. Contact Fleet for more details.

## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
Greening Government Coordinating Council  
meeting with Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.

Wednesday, June 18, 2008  
Greening Government Coordinating Council  
Monthly Meeting  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Governor's Energy Office  
1580 Logan Street #100

Wednesday, June 25, 2008  
Bike to Work Day

For a full list of events, visit the [Governor's Energy Office website](#)

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